

REMARKS

Responding to paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the rejection of claims 20-41 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is respectfully traversed. The language in the claims objected to by the Examiner has been deleted.

Responding to paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the objection to claims 40-41 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) is respectfully traversed. Claims 40-41 have been canceled. The subject matter of claim 40 has been included in a new claim 42 that is believed to cure the objection to claim 40.

In summary, claims 20-39 and 42 are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,


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